

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

SOUTH HILLS CATHOLIC ACADEMY,	:	CASE NO. 2:24-cv-00676
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	<i>Electronically Filed & Served</i>
	:	
v.	:	
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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF	:	
HUMAN SERVICES, VALERIE A.	:	
ARKOOSH, in her official capacity as	:	
Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department	:	
of Human Services, OFFICE OF CHILD	:	
DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY	:	
LEARNING, BUREAU OF	:	
CERTIFICATION, SHARON ARABIA, in	:	
her official and individual capacities as	:	
Acting Director, Office of Child	:	
Development and Early Learning,	:	
KRISTEN COURT, in her official and	:	
individual capacities as a Certification	:	
Representative for the Department of	:	
Human Services, Office of Child	:	
Development and Early Learning, Bureau of	:	
Certification, JOYCE PURCELL, in her	:	
official and individual capacities as a	:	
Certification Representative for Department	:	
of Human Services, Office of Child	:	
Development and Early Learning, Bureau of	:	
Certification, AMY CARNICELLA, in her	:	
official and individual capacities as Counsel	:	
for Department of Human Services, Office	:	
of Child Development and Early Learning,	:	
Bureau of Certification, and EUGENE	:	
CUCCARESE, in his official and individual	:	
capacities as Counsel for Department of	:	
Human Services, Office of Child	:	
Development and Early Learning, Bureau of	:	
Certification,	:	
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Defendants.		

JOINT STATUS REPORT

AND NOW come the Parties, through their respective counsel, and submit the following Joint Status Report, averring as follows:

1. The previous Joint Status Report filed by the parties in this matter was filed on November 22, 2024 [ECF 26].
2. The parties continue to engage in settlement discussions but have not yet reached a final resolution on all issues. Counsel are reviewing draft settlement documents and hope to finalize any outstanding issues in January 2025.
3. Accordingly, the Parties are requesting a continuance of the stay and the time for the filing of the Defendants' responsive pleadings for an additional thirty (30) days.
4. On or before January 31, 2025, the Parties will file a Joint Status Report to advise the Court as to whether a hearing is required and Defendants will file their responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court accept the foregoing as a Joint Status Report in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Court this _____ day of December, 2025, that on or before January 31, 2025, the parties shall file a status report to advise the Court as to whether a hearing is required and Defendants will file their responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint.

BY THE COURT:

_____. J.